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1. [ ] CHANG Ting-ch'eng (1728/7844/0015), commander of the Fukien Military District,<sup>1</sup> ordered the formation of a military defense engineering council with himself as chairman and Peterstev (Pi-te-asu-t'e-fu, 1764/1779/2448/3676/1133), a Soviet engineering expert, as technical adviser. The council planned to review all military construction in the province, particularly the construction of 22 highways and nine harbors. Funds for the highway construction program were to be taken from the provincial budget. The first installment was to be approximately JMP 400,000,000.
2. Road construction was planned in order to defend Fukien from future activities of the Chinese Nationalist guerrilla forces and from possible bombings of Fukien by American aircraft. When completed, the new highways were to form a network extending from southeast Fukien along the coast into the mountainous regions of east and west Fukien. Work was scheduled to commence approximately 20 October, and 100,000 laborers conscripted for the program were to be assisted by local troops.
3. Total length of the proposed highways was 3,650 kilometers, of which 1, 180 kilometers were already under construction, as follows:
  - a. On 18 October, construction had begun on the line between Lungyen (N 25-07, E 117-02) and Yungan (N 25-58, E 117-22).
  - b. On 23 October, on the line between Nanp'ing (N 26-38, E 118-10), Shunch'ang (N 26-48, E 117-50), Chianglo (N 26-47, E 117-26), and T'aining (N 26-52, E 117-08).
  - c. On 20 October, on the line between Chienyang (N 27-20, E 118-06) and Shaowu (N 27-14, E 117-22).
  - d. On 25 October, on the line between Niuch'i (3662/1505)<sup>2</sup> and Nanching (N 24-35, E 117-31).

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- e. On 24 October, on the line between Lienchiang (N 26-12, E 119-31) and Kuant'ou (N 26-08, E 119-34).
- f. On 17 October, on the Hsienyu (N 25-22, E 118-42) Line.
4. Fifteen more highways were to be included in the second phase of the construction scheduled to begin during January 1953. These included the following lines:

Yungting (N 24-50, E 116-46)  
 Shanghang (N 25-04, E 116-24)  
 Chienning (N 26-46, E 116-48)  
 Ninghua (N 26-18, E 116-36)  
 Ch'ingliu (N 26-16, E 116-50)  
 Chinchiang (N 24-56, E 118-36)

4. Existing roads were to be widened either by one-third their previous width or to 25 feet. Bridges were to be strengthened to permit a load capacity of five tons or the weight equivalent of a PA-3 type Soviet-made truck.<sup>3</sup>

1. [ ] Comment. [ ] CHANG T'ing-cheng as chairman of the Fukien Government; [ ] CHANG was reported to be one of the representatives chosen to attend a Fukien Government conference which was scheduled for January 1953.

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2. [ ] Comment. Possibly Niuchishan at N24-12, E 117-46.

3. [ ] Comment. Available information does not indicate the existence now, or at any time in the past, of a Soviet-made truck of approximately five tons weight, bearing the designation PA-3. It is unlikely as well that PA was mistaken for the well-known YA or YAZ. [ ]

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[ ] In addition, available information does not indicate that there is such a truck type as YA-3.

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